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Online fund raising clearinghouse like ActBlue should not be treated as traditional PACs in determining public matching funding for Presidential campaigns or for other reasons. This is simply a vehicle for campaigns and donors to take advantage of the internet for fundraising purposes. That is all—no influence peddling. ActBlue doesn't even control where the money goes. The staffers simply follow the wishes of the donors. There is no reason for these sites to be treated any differently than a group of friends who choose to write out individual checks and send them to a candidate in one envelope. Please do not go forward with plans to treat funds raised via ActBllue and similar sites like they were one giant contribution.

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